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RE: Comments on the Draft Scope of Work for Operable Unit 4-13B WAG 4 Comprehensive Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

Dear Carol:

I have the following comments on the draft Scope of Work (SOW) for OU 4-13B:

1) In general, the OU 4-13B RI/FS should be as focused as possible and not be redundant with any work completed in the OU 4-13A RI/FS. For example, Section 3 of the SOW implies that alternatives would be developed for groundwater contamination and for any soil sources not addressed in the interim action. The OU 4-13B RI/FS should not develop any new soil alternatives but should rely on the soil alternatives developed in the OU 4-13A RI/FS.

2) Page 6, Section 4.1.3. In the last line of the 1st paragraph, the word "one" should be changed to "is".

3) Page 9, 4th paragraph. I believe that the "*Guidance for Preparing Superfund Decision Documents*" was updated this year. Please cite the updated guidance document.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Keith A. Rose".

Keith A. Rose
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cc: Clyde Cody, IDEQ